



St Francis Xavier Catholic School

Gala Update 6

19 March, 2012

4 Days to go...

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

We want to say a HUGE **THANK YOU** to everyone who has helped and supported this year's Gala, we truly have been blessed. This includes everything from giving time freely to help sort & price goods, organise stalls, donate items, goods & services for our auction and raffles to cash sponsorship to cover expenses such as hiring rides, goods, food and vegetables for our stalls, ingredients for our sweet makers, craft items to sell and the list goes on...

Information sheets for stall helpers

For all our helpers, thank you! Please collect your information sheet from the office, from Tuesday morning onwards. It will let you know when and where to arrive on Saturday, and give you any other information you need.

Presales

In past years we have had quite a few people wanting to buy some of the second hand goods that have been donated during the week leading up to the gala. This has caused a few complaints, so once again this year to make it fair for everyone there will be **NO PRE-SALES** before gala day. No exceptions. Please do not be offended if our stall holders refuse you a pre-sale.

Sales of ride tickets

We are going to have pre-gala sales of ride tickets - a special for our children!

You can buy 12 tickets for \$10.00 (please note we are only selling in \$10.00 lots). On gala day tickets will be the usual price of \$1.00 per ticket.

Sales will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week, from 8.15am - 8.45am and 2.50pm - 3.30pm each day outside the school hall.

Contact us: Email: sfxgala@gmail.com

Gala wrap-up meeting..

Wednesday 28 March @ 7.00pm in the staffroom

Do you have some suggestions for next year? If you can't make it to the meeting and have some ideas/thoughts on the gala, please send an email to sfxgala@gmail.com, or write them down and hand in to the Office. All welcome!



Gala Day Sat 24 March

WANTED... Helpers for on the day

As you are all aware this is the only major fundraiser we do each year. For it to be a raging success, we require assistance from every family. We need:

- ☺ **Helpers for the food stalls!** Please call Nikki or Karl on 437 7148, or Reg on 437 5745.
- ☺ **4 more helpers for the curry stall** as our previous crew has now moved on. It is all cooked - you just need to serve it on the day! Call Nikki, Karl or Reg (*as above*).
- ☺ **4 more helpers for the American hotdog stall.** Call Nikki, Karl or Reg (*as above*).
- ☺ **2 more helpers for the Empanadas stall.** Call Nikki, Karl or Reg (*as above*).
- ☺ **Sorters** are still needed daily in the school hall, but particularly on Friday 24th
- ☺ **Set-up** - Friday to set up classrooms and Saturday from 7am for more setting up and from 2pm putting away and taking down tents
- ☺ **Cleanup** - it will be all hands on deck for the big clean up from 2pm - if you are planning to stay and help it may be worth popping your vacuum cleaner in your car to help clean the classrooms - we have to vacuum them all!

Dropping off Goods...

The **last day** for dropping off any White Elephant goods is **Wednesday 21 March** (other than large items). Please, **absolutely NO drop offs on Saturday morning!**

If you have any large items or furniture to donate, we would appreciate these being dropped off on Friday. If you need us to collect these items, just give Katy a call on 459 1263 and they will be collected from you on Friday.

Start time....

All stalls open at
9.00am



Last minute info, please contact Gala Co-ordinator:
Aynslie 021 105 7600

FINAL DROP OFFS

Sweets

Fantastic effort by everybody! Please bring fudges/coconut ice to Room 3 on **Friday morning** in ice cream containers or similar. Clearly label your container if you need it returned. Make sure you pop into Room 7 on Gala day to see your hard work looking fabulous and selling fast!

Thanks, Aynslie and the Sweets team

Cakes

You will have received your cake boxes by now. We hope you find the time to put some yummy home-made cakes in the boxes!



Please label the **INSIDE LID** of the box with the type of cake (so buyers can see it when we have the cakes on display), and bring your cake boxes to Room 3 on Friday. We would also appreciate it if you do not pre-cut the cakes and slices. Thank you.

Plants & Produce

Please bring on Friday and leave next to Room 1.

Crock pots & rice cookers

We need to borrow some extra crock pots and rice cookers for cooking rice and keeping hot dogs warm on the day.

If you have one we could borrow, please drop it off to the office on Friday morning. Please make sure you **LABEL** all the bits (i.e. lids, inside, outside) with your **NAME** so we can return them.

Gazebos

We would like to borrow a few more gazebos. If you have one you could lend us, please drop it off to Room 6 on Friday, making sure it is clearly labelled with your **NAME**.

Auction starts @ 11am outside Rm 17

Check out the list of auction items over the page, we have some awesome lots available! We also have some excellent items in the silent auction being run in Room 16, including collectables and a special painting that will remain on silent auction for 2 weeks after the gala (Check out our website and Facebook page for photos of this beautiful painting!).

Absent bids are welcome, so come early on the day and lodge your bid to be in to win!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has generously supported our Auction.

SFX kids, win a Scooter!!!

Have you helped with the gala preparations? Perhaps you've helped Mum make some fudge? Or helped paint signs? Or donated some of your toys or books? Maybe something else?



Any student at SFX who has helped in some way, will be in the draw to win a scooter, proudly donated by **Educare North**. Teachers will be gathering names this week, so make sure you put your name down! Prize will be drawn at the gala.

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

This year we have introduced new promotional packages for the businesses that have offered their support through either financial sponsorship or the donation of goods and services. We appreciate hugely the contribution of each and every one of them.

We would like to encourage parents and caregivers to show your support where possible by using the services of these businesses (perhaps mention their support of the Gala when you are there, so they know it's working!).

You will have seen the logos and/or adverts of our major sponsors in these newsletters, on various flyers/posters and of course our Facebook page – if you are an online convert. You will see and hear more about these great local businesses on the big day.

For a full list of our sponsors and supporters please check out the Sponsors and Auction pages on the gala section of the school website: www.sfx.school.nz (click on "Our Gala").

Entertainment

We have a great line up of Entertainment:

9.00am - 9.50am	Kat Brown
9.50am - 10.10am	Rock'n Roll Dancers
10.10am - 10.30am	Belly Dancers
10.30am - 10.35am	Whangarei Academy of Dance &
10.35am - 10.40am	Performing Arts, Jazz Routine
10.40am - 11.00am	Riya Behere, Bollywood Style Dance
11.00am - 12.30pm	Positive Defence, Martial Arts performance
12.30pm - 12.50pm	Auction
12.50pm - 2.00pm	Whangarei Youth Music, Junior Strings
	Cake n Eat It, featuring Kat Brown, Lyndon O'Hara & Bill Ruys



Don't forget **Kelly Belly Button** will be reading fairy tales at 10am, 11am, 12pm & 1pm on the grassy area between the Church and the netball courts. And keep an eye out for our **roving magician** entertaining the crowds on the back field throughout the day!

Lots of rides and slides

New this year is the pre school area, balloon sculpting & adrenaline maze. All the old favourites like the Vertical bungee, mini hot rides, coconut shy and horse rides will be back too!

SEE YOU @ THE GALA

We would like a lovely sunny day this year, so everyone remember to pray to St Joseph for fine weather!

Don't forget to invite Grandma, Granddad, cousins and friends. There will be heaps to do for the whole family...

Parking may be busy so why not catch a bus... Check out the NRC website for details: www.nrc.govt.nz/bus

PS: Mums and Dads - The **Café Latino Van** is operating again so you can get your caffeine fix! They will only be accepting cash on the day, so remember to bring plenty!



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